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REMARKS

Allowable Subject Matter

The applicant thanks the Office for its careful consideration of this case, and notes that the Office has determined claims 1-7, 13-16 to be patentable.

Drawings

Applicant requests that the Office to acknowledge the Drawing Office review of the drawings as noted in the Office Action Summary.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant requests that the Office acknowledge the Examiner review of the Information Disclosure Statement as noted in the Office Action Summary.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102/103

The applicant has carefully reviewed the Office's rejection of claims 8-12 and 17 as unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,549,596. The applicant respectfully disagrees with the Office's rejection. The applicant, however, herein amends that application to delete claims 8-12 and 17. The applicant reserves the right to re-present the claimed subject in later filed continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

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Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy reconsideration, and further requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

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